

# South Cambridgeshire District Council – Caldecote Ward

(comprises the Parishes of Caldecote, Childerley, Kingston, Bourn, Longstowe & Little Gransden)

## Councillor's Monthly Report – July 2021

This report of previous month events is for all the Ward, so please be aware that some of the content may not be relevant to your particular Parish.

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### General

Please contact me with comments, questions, problems, reports, suggestions or complaints to do with SCDC services. These are housing need, housing repairs for council tenants, planning, benefits, council tax, bin collection, environmental health issues etc. Don't fight on your own. I am available to help you to get the best outcome possible for your situation.

If you have time to spare – check out articles on my blog <http://www.TumiHawkins.org.uk>. What I post on there is my view and not LibDem or South Cambs official policy unless I state that it is.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

These are items in my previous reports that require action due to time limitations or important.

1. **Zero Carbon Grant Scheme**– Community groups can bid for grants between £1000 and £15000 for projects to tackle climate change. For those interested, the Council held a workshop on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 titled “How to make a successful grant application”. You can watch the recording here <https://www.scams.gov.uk/nature-and-climate-change/zero-carbon-communities/zero-carbon-communities-events/>

Go to <https://www.scams.gov.uk/applications-open-for-cash-for-climate-change-projects/> to read more about how to apply for the grant. Closing date for applications is **5pm on Friday 30 July 2021**

2. **Cycling and Walking Consultation**

Cambridgeshire County Council started [a consultation](#) on the creation of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Cambridgeshire. Residents are invited to complete the survey and/or mark cycleways and footpaths they would like to see created or prioritised on the map. Read and respond here <https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/ccs-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021>. **Consultation closes on Tuesday 13 July 2021**

### COVID19 UPDATE

Step 4 of easing lockdown has been postponed to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021. It may or may not happen, depending on the effect of the Covid-Delta variant.

The Delta variant is now the most prevalent in the country. As of 23-June Covid-Delta cases in Cambridge city were increasing rapidly and the case rate was 98 per 100k. The vast majority of these are in the 18-24 age group which is largely unvaccinated. Cases had doubled in the week up to the 23<sup>rd</sup> June in the city. It is worth noting that Cambridge has been in the top 10 lowest vaccinated areas in the UK as only 53% of the population have had a first dose and 32% a second dose of vaccine. Hopefully with many more in the age group 18+ now being vaccinated, this should change. The City Council put out a press release 23-June encouraging residents not to go into the city *unless they have to*. You can see it here <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/news/2021/06/23/keep-safe-have-fun-and-stay-socially-distanced-this-weekend>.

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Infection rates continue to be low in South Cambs but increased slightly so we cannot be complacent. **Hands-Face-Space** is still very much the rule not exception.

Please do get regular rapid lateral flow tests to check for COVID-19. You can get the test or collect home kits at The Hub in Cambourne or order online <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Find the full details of easing lockdown at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary>

### **Health and Wellbeing**

The Action for Happiness theme for this month is **Jump Back Up July**. The calendar is at <https://www.actionforhappiness.org/jump-back-up-july>. As always please share with friends and family.

### **Welcome Back Fund – Parish Survey**

SCDC is offering support to help businesses reopen as restrictions begin to lift. We are asking parishes to help us by completing an online survey so we can determine how best to help. The survey is at <http://bit.ly/SCWelcomeBackSurvey> and should only take a few minutes. Contact email for the Reopening High Street Safely team is [reopening@scams.gov.uk](mailto:reopening@scams.gov.uk).

## **COMMUNITY ISSUES**

### **The Community Safety Partnership Toolkit**

The Community Safety Partnership is a partnership between SCDC and Cambridgeshire County council, the Police, Fire and rescue services, the Probation service, and the NHS. The Partnership has created a toolkit that provides guidance, training and other tools to support residents' activities, building on the work that volunteer groups did during the pandemic.

The issues covered in the toolkit include connecting people, tackling speeding, preventing antisocial behaviour and helping vulnerable neighbours to avoid scams. It is designed to help build a better sense of community and hopefully make your village feel safer.

Do check it out at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/CSP> and if you find anything missing that you feel would be useful, let us know

## **PLANNING**

### **Planning Awards**

The Greater Cambridge Planning Service won two more prestigious national planning awards in June 2021. They are:

- (1) The Award for Promoting Economic Growth, for the Wellcome Genome Expansion scheme and
- (2) The Award for Best Housing Scheme (500 homes or more) went to Great Kneighton

This is in addition to the previous one, the RTPI Planning Excellence award 2021 for Excellence in Planning to Deliver Homes (50 or more dwellings) for the Clay Farm (Great Kneighton) development. <https://www.cambridgenetwork.co.uk/news/planners-triumph-national-awards>

It is worth noting that the Stakeholder Engagement for our First Conversation in Jan/Feb 2020 was shortlisted twice. But we can't win them all. These awards recognise the professional work the planners do. The Judges commended the Planning Service for the "exceptionally proactive work by planners in creating successful communities and beautiful places to live and work". Well done to all the Planning Officers in the teams that worked on these projects. A truly sterling effort.

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## **Bourn Quarter**

Construction work has started on Bourn Quarter, the new employment business park on the old TKA Tallent site. The development Agents are Aitchison, and construction company is Readie Construction Ltd. Construction of Phase 1 has started and Readie will produce a monthly newsletter to keep neighbouring communities informed of what is going on.

The current work generating some noise that can be heard in Highfields is the breaking up of the existing concrete hardstanding / taxiways and some large underground concrete structures that were installed as part of the Gestamp/TKA Tallent manufacturing process that took place in the previous building. This has involved some heavy machinery using peckers to break the reinforced concrete. Apparently some of the holes that housed the machinery are up to 25ft deep and had concrete pillars 4ft wide on which the presses sat! That is a lot of concrete to break up. These operations will be completed by the end of July after which there should be no further abnormal noise generated.

## **FINANCE & GRANTS**

The Grants Advisory Committee recommended two Community Chest Grants totalling £1,787.39 and 22 Covid Recovery Grants totalling £37,797.82 to be approved by the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance. The grants were for a variety of organisations and projects. You can find out more and how to apply on the website at

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/community-development/grants/community-chest-grants/>

## **TRANSPORT**

### **Cambourne to Cambridge Busway - GCP**

The GCP board will be meeting on 1st July to consider the audit report and make a decision on the way forward with this project. The GCP Joint Assembly met on 10 June to consider the report and has agreed to support an emerging recommendation that the GCP executive board should vote to choose a preferred route and subject it to a detailed environmental impact assessment.

The papers are here <http://bit.ly/GCP-Assembly>

## **LOCAL ISSUES**

**Caldecote** – The next Caldecote Liaison Forum meeting to discuss issues arising from the Linden and Balfour Beatty development will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

### **Casework**

Irrespective of the current Covid19 lockdown, please do feel free to contact me with comments, questions, problems, reports, suggestions or complaints to do with SCDC services. I will help as best I can.

You will find my past reports at <https://tumihawkins.org.uk/2020-21-monthly-reports/>. Feel free to read, share and/or download.

Please stay safe. The maxim **Hands – Face – Space - Fresh Air** is still very much the rule. Have a great summer

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